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¶1. (SBU) Poloff delivered subject demarche on March 25 to Ms. Antonia Katzourou in the MFA's All Directorate for Common Foreign and Security Policy. While Katzourou appreciated the opportunity to review U.S. positions, she emphasized that the March 28-29 Foreign Ministers' Gymnich meeting will be a closed session limited to informal "brain storming" discussions and that no decisions will be taken. According to Katzourou, Greece plans to adhere to its well-known official positions on matters addressed in the subject demarche, with a particular emphasis on pressing for an EU focus on enhancing the European perspective in the Western Balkans. Katzourou further noted that a meeting of Westep countries will convene March Gymnich that willforth in the 2003  
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